

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Thursday
March 29, 2018**

**CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Present: Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Mrs. Shirley Bourque, Mr. Don Foster, Mr. Maurice St. Amand, Mrs. Joanne Puskar

Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Mrs. Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary

Guest Mr. Stephen R. Hemman, Ed.D, Assistant Executive Director of Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools; Mr. Jay Barry Consultant Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools

Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mr. Stephen Hemman introduced Mr. Jay Barry also from Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools who will be an active consultant in the amendment of the Regional Agreement.

Mr. Hemman referred to The Old Colony District agreement handout with Christine Lynch's recommendations and suggested the Committee will use that as an outline as well as other agreements he has provided from other Districts during the amendment process.

Mrs. Shirley Bourque provided the Committee, Mr. Hemman and Mr. Barry with an outline she created outlining changes mirroring Christine Lynch's suggestions.

Mr. Hemman discussed the composition of the School Committee including the application process for appointments and reappointments. He suggested the inclusion of wording that states the District notifies member towns about Committee Member's terms ending.

Mr. Hemman suggested the inclusion of wording that states the Town Moderator shall be the Chairman and call the meeting to order should the member town not have a local school committee.

Mr. Hemman suggested the changing of Permanent Committee to School Committee and to add the date of April 30th ending the term year.

There was general discussion regarding vacancies and how they are filled per member town.

Mr. Hemman stated vacancy should be defined as resignation, death or move in the agreement and to include the need for a written request upon resignation as well as an abandonment of seat clause.

There was general discussion surrounding the length of time towns have to fill vacancies.

There was discussion surrounding the appointment of the Treasurer and Secretary and when that occurs and the need to include wording in the Organization in Section I.

There was general discussion of the Location of the Regional District School.

Mr. Hemman stated the Section III, Type of Regional School District, come first in agreement as recommended by Christine Lynch and include language similar to South Shore Regional Vocational School District.

Mr. Hemman suggested adding Debt and Transportation as categories under Classification of Costs under Section IV of the agreement.

It was agreed by the Committee to place discussion on all budgetary items on hold until Mrs. Sarah Griffith, Business Manager, could attend the meeting and assist with the process.

There was general discussion that pertained to the order in which the budget items are arranged in the agreement.

Mr. Hemman stated transportation for Freetown needs to be included in the assessment under Section VI, Transportation.

Mr. Hemman stated standard language must be added to Procedure under Section VII Amendments.

There was general discussion regarding how to present the amendments to member towns once completed.

Mr. Hemman asked if there were any questions from the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jolene Costa
District Committee Secretary**

Mr. Stephen J. Cassidy III, Chairman

Date